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In re application of : Confirmation No. 4175
Hideo HADA et al. : Docket No. 2001-1787A
Serial No. 09/996,676 : Group Art Unit 1752
Filed November 30, 2001 : Examiner R. Ashton

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SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents,
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Further to the response filed on November 18, 2002, please further amend the present application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) A positive-working photoresist composition which comprises, as a uniform solution in an organic solvent:

(A) 100 parts by weight of a resinous compound capable of being imparted with increased solubility in an aqueous alkaline solution by interaction with an acid;

(B) from 0.5 to 30 parts by weight of a radiation-sensitive acid generating compound capable of generating an acid by irradiation with a radiation; and

(C) an organic solvent in an amount sufficient to dissolve the components (A) and (B), the component (A) being a copolymer consisting of the monomeric units of

(a1) from 30 to 60% by moles of 2-alkyl-2-adamantyl (meth) acrylate units having the formula: